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Senate Bill 340

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By: Senators Harp of the 29th, Weber of the 40th and Staton of the 18th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
- 2 Annotated, relating to educational programs, so as to require school systems and private
- 3 schools to adopt a reporting system for freshman, sophomore, and junior high school students
- 4 for the purpose of determining potential HOPE eligibility; to provide for related matters; to
- 5 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.** Part 3 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, 8 9 relating to educational programs, is amended by revising Code Section 20-2-157, relating to 10 uniform reporting system for certain purposes, by adding a new subsection to read as 11 follows: 12 "(c)(1) Beginning with the school year beginning after May 1, 2011, each school system and private school shall adopt the reporting system described in this subsection for 13 14 purposes of determining potential eligibility for freshman, sophomore, and junior high school students for the HOPE scholarship program and other programs identified in this 15 16 Code section. 17 (2) Each school system and private school shall transmit to the Georgia Student Finance 18 Commission, in such manner and at such times as the commission may prescribe, an 19 electronic transcript of courses and course grades for each freshman, sophomore, and 20 junior high school student that reflects the complete high school academic record of the student, including scores on any state tests required for graduation, the grading scales 21 used by the school system or private school for the time periods referenced by the 22 transcripts, and any other pertinent information as determined by the Georgia Student 23 Finance Commission. Each grade reported by a school system or private school to the 24 25 commission for the purpose of calculating the grade point average for potential HOPE

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26	scholarship eligibility shall be the actual grade earned by the student with no weighting
27	or addition of points by the school system or private school.
28	(3) The Georgia Student Finance Commission shall calculate a grade point average for
29	the purpose of determining eligibility for the HOPE scholarship from these electronic
30	transcripts and shall notify students of their potential eligibility and high schools as to the
31	potential eligibility of students."

32 SECTION 2.

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.